(b) Implementation and execution of the projects sanctioned by the Department of Tourism is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

Development of tourist infrastructure in A.P.

2209. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that lack of proper tourist infrastructure like affordable accommodation, transport etc. are the main reasons for the sluggish growth of tourism in Andhra Pradesh and the rest of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken so far for the development of tourist infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh and the rest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned 209 tourism projects amounting to Rs. 56 crores during the year 2001-02 for all States for development of infrastructure out of which 6 projects amounting to Rs.1.67 crores were sanctioned for the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Development of tourism in Chhattisgarh

†2210. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ASI has upgraded/reconstructed some of the monument places during the last three years with a view to develop tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the year-wise and State-wise/place-wise names of such upgraded spots and the amount earmarked monument-wise for the upgradation work particularly in Chhattisgarh; and

(c) the monument spots identified for upgradation/reconstruction during 2002-2003 and monument-wise and State-wise allocation made for the said purpose?

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